The Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950.—This Act was made applicable to the State with effect from the 2nd February 1950. Articles like non-ferrous metals, bicycles, tyres and tubes, electric bulbs, razor blades, caustic soda, soda ash, tanning materials, raw rubber, casein and infants foods have been brought under the purview of this Act and fair prices fixed. This Act helped the consuming public to obtain their requirements without much effort and at controlled rates.

Procurement of Typewriters.—The department of Civil Supplies procured typewriters to Government Departments. With a view to avoiding extra cost consequent on the revision in rates of typewriters by companies with effect from 1st April 1951, the department made a bulk purchase of 75 typewriters in March 1951 and have been distributing them to the Government Departments at the old rates as and when indents are received.

Enforcement.—During the year under report the department accorded sanction for prosecution in 44 cases for infringement of Textile Control Orders cancelled licenses in 76 cases and warned or suspended for a period ranging from one month to six months for violation of control orders in 568 cases. Under the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Act the department launched 12 cases out of which eight resulted in conviction with a fine ranging from Rs. 50 to Rs. 500, 13 cases were booked under the Cement Control Order 9 of which resulted in conviction.

Receipts and Expenditure.—The entire expenditure of the department amounting to Rs. 1·65 lakhs was well within the receipts of the department of nearly 5·45 lakhs.

Rewards.—During the year under report a sum of Rs. 2,985 was distributed at the discretion of the Controller of Civil Supplies, on the merits of each case to confidential informants, Enforcement Officers, Executive Officers of the Civil Supplies and Police Departments who helped in detecting cases of infringement of control orders.

The work of the department during the year under report was on the whole satisfactory.

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